

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

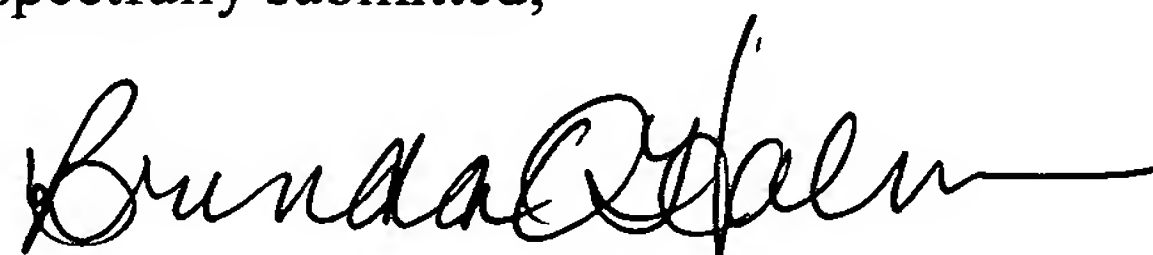
The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 10, 15, 17, 20, 24, 25, 27, 28, 40, 41, 55, 66, 67, 68, and 76. In Figs. 10, 15, 17, 20, 24, 25, 27, 28, 40, 41, 55, 66, 67, 68, and 76, typographical errors have been corrected.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the amendments. If there are any issues that can be resolved via a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 404/685-6799.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda O. Holmes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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FIG. 10

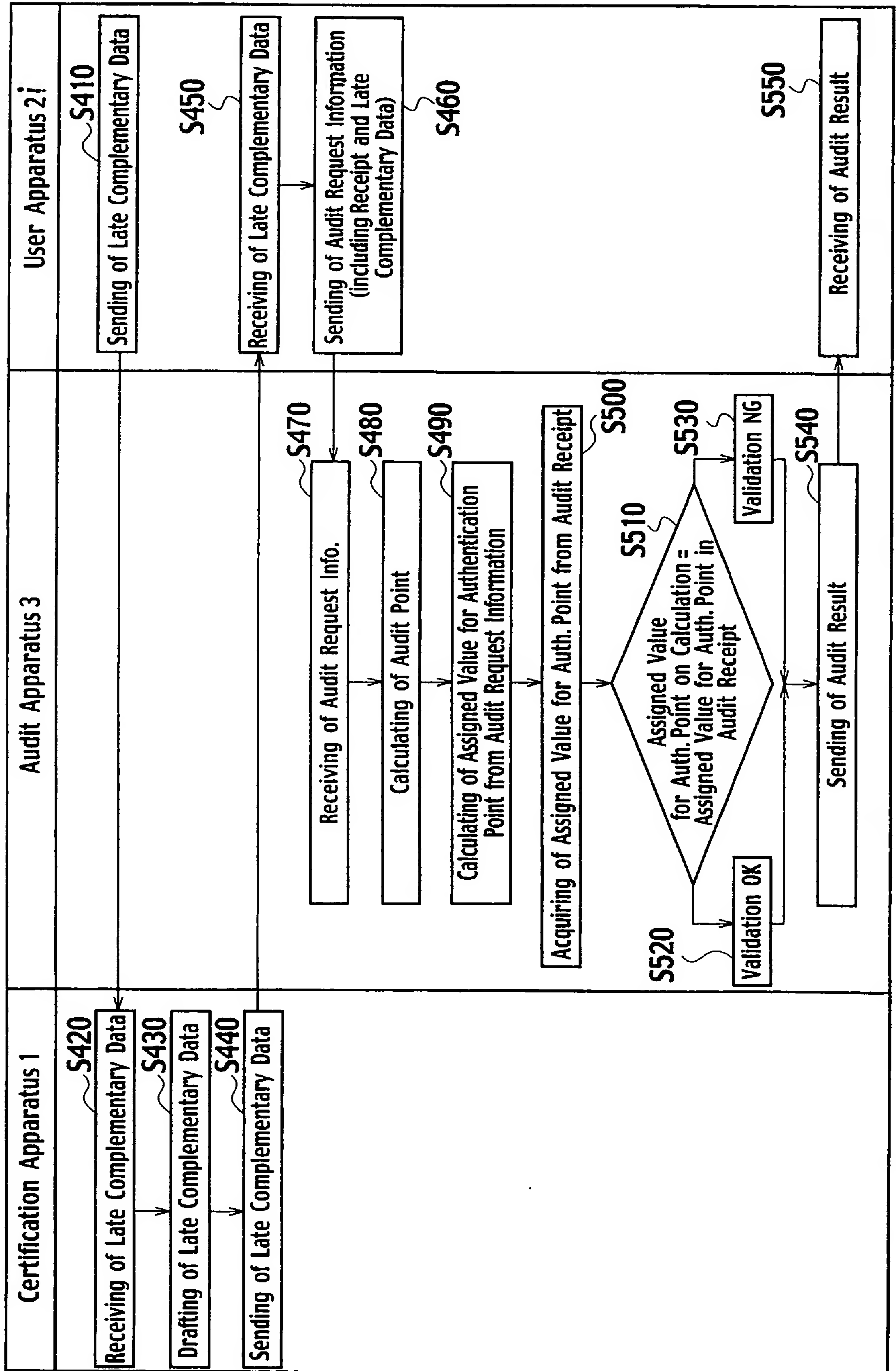


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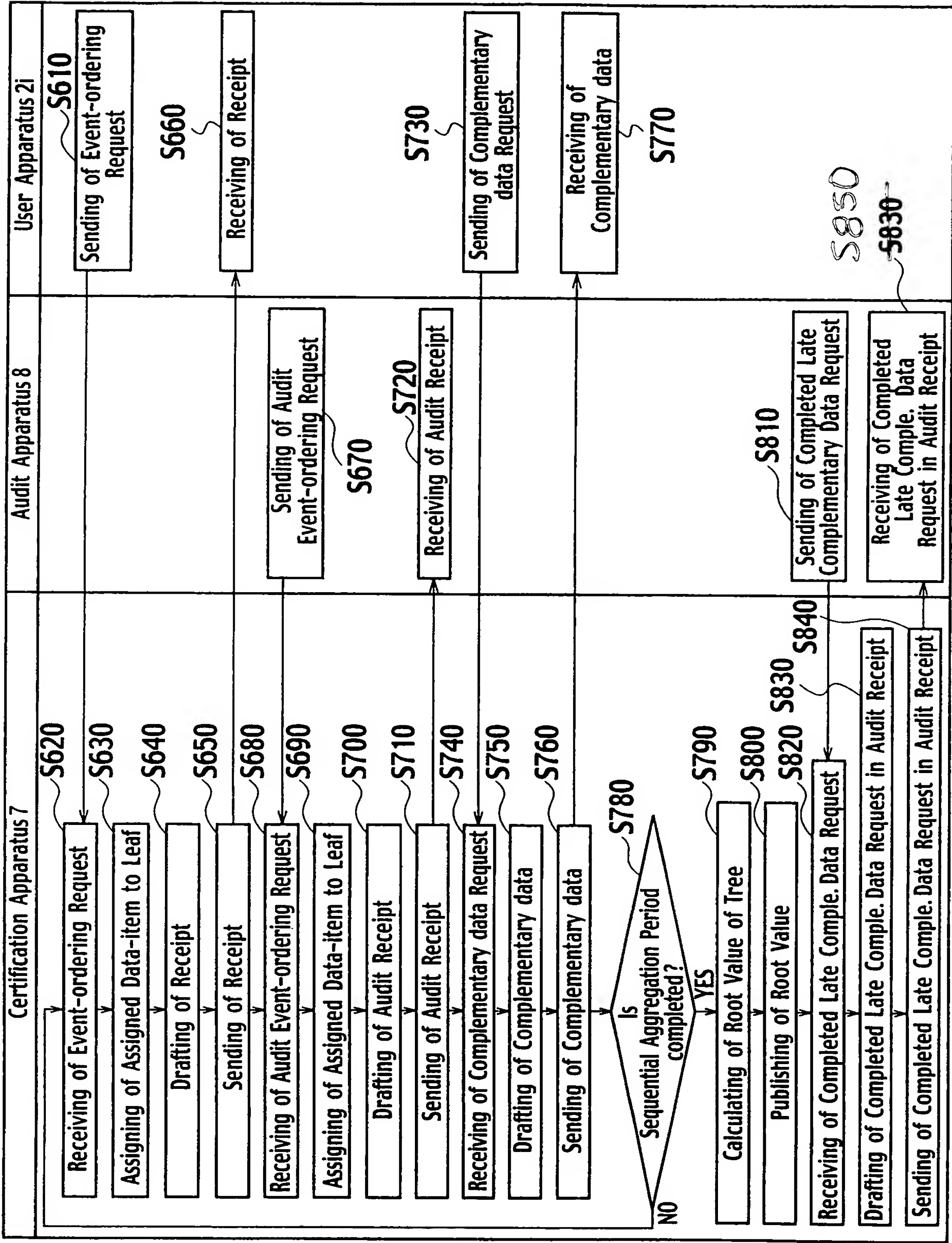
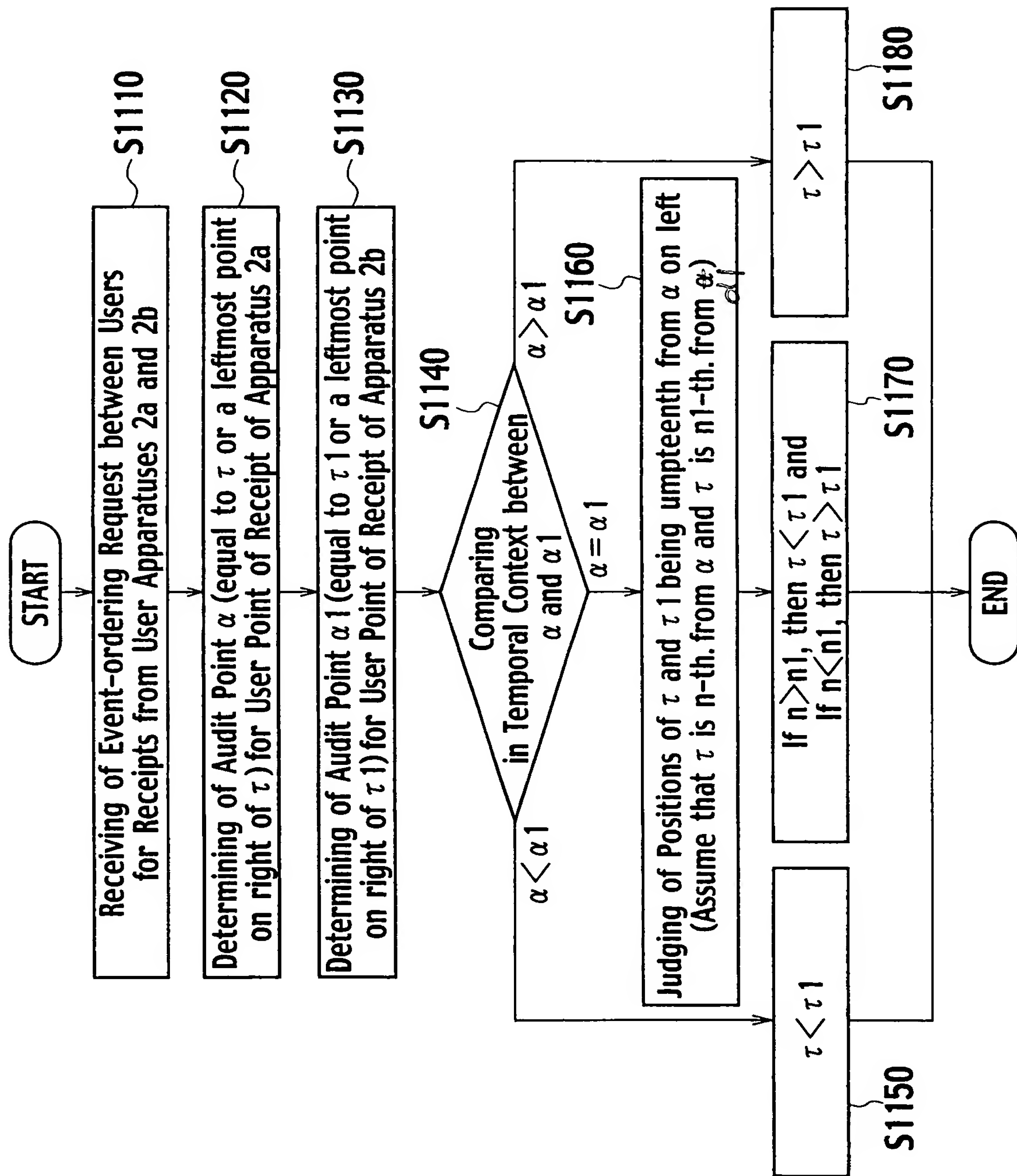


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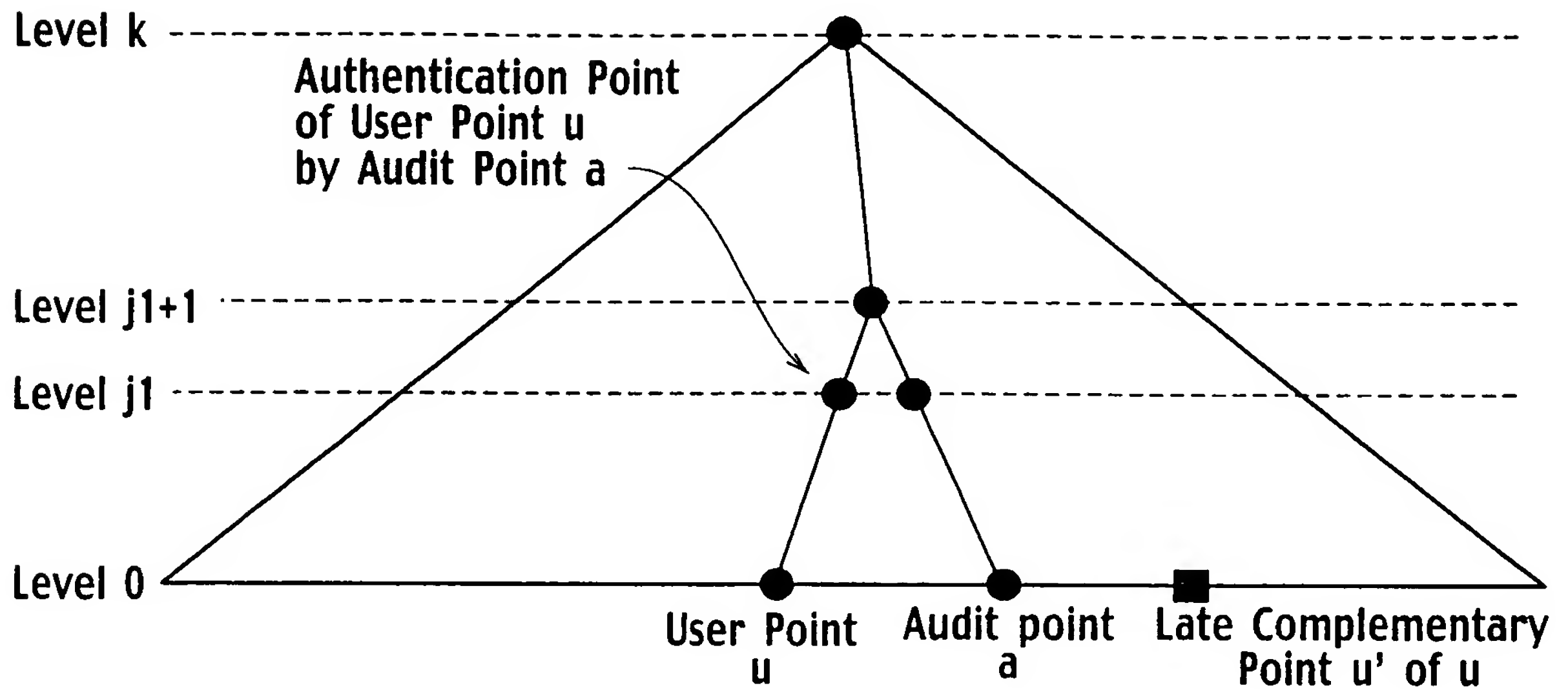


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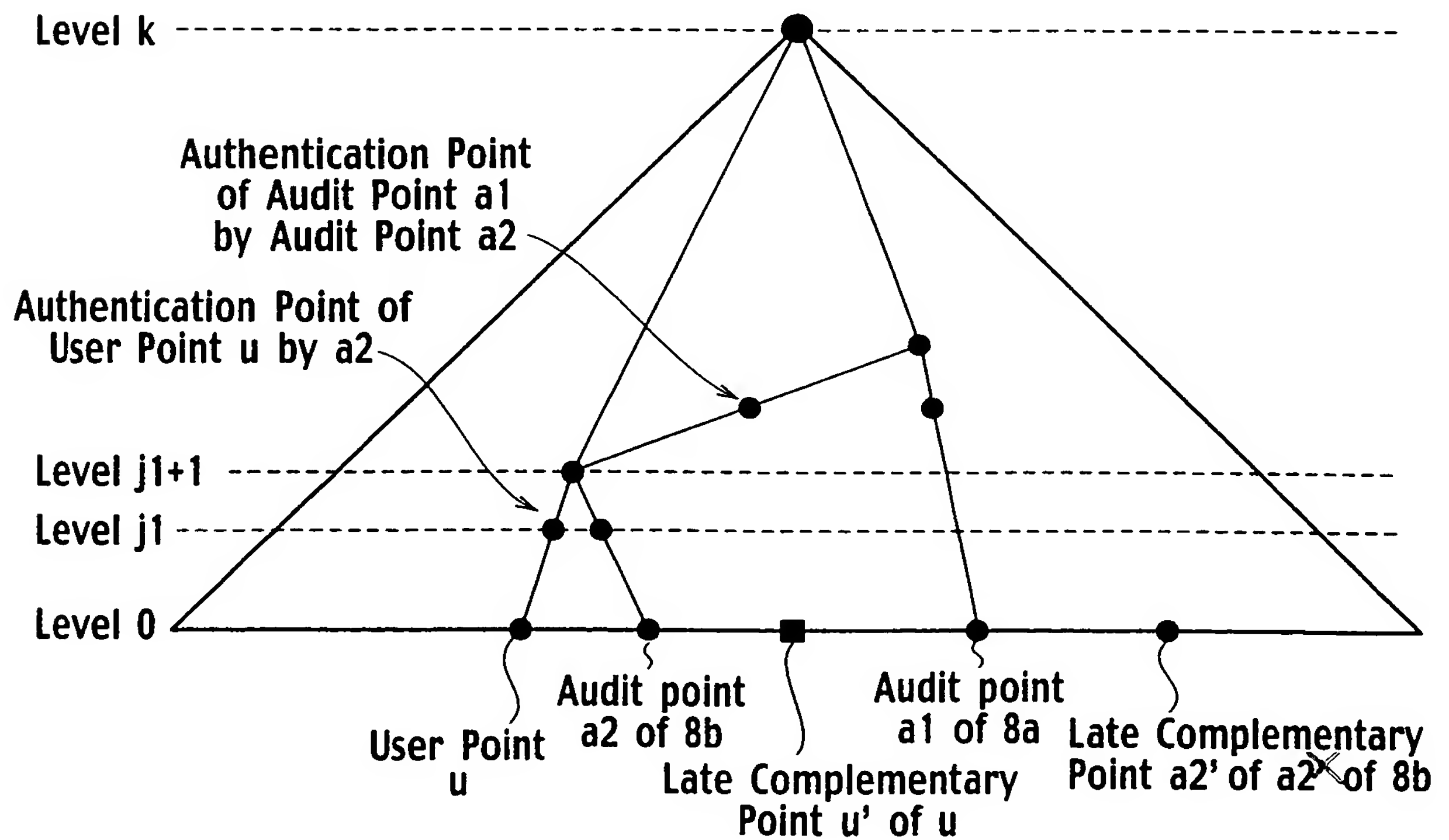


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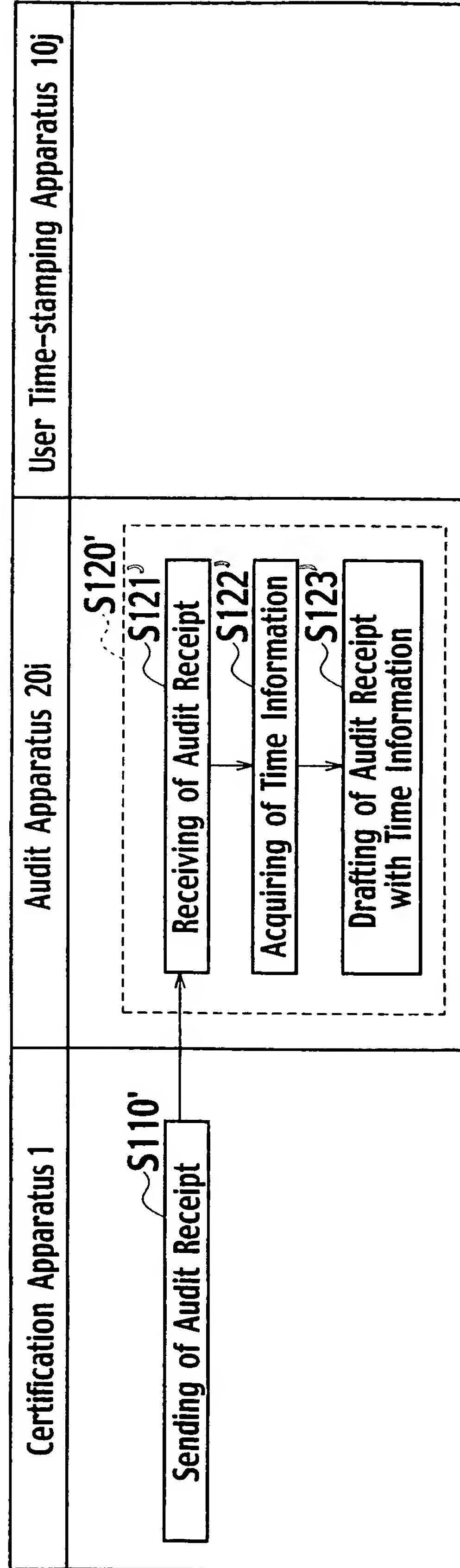


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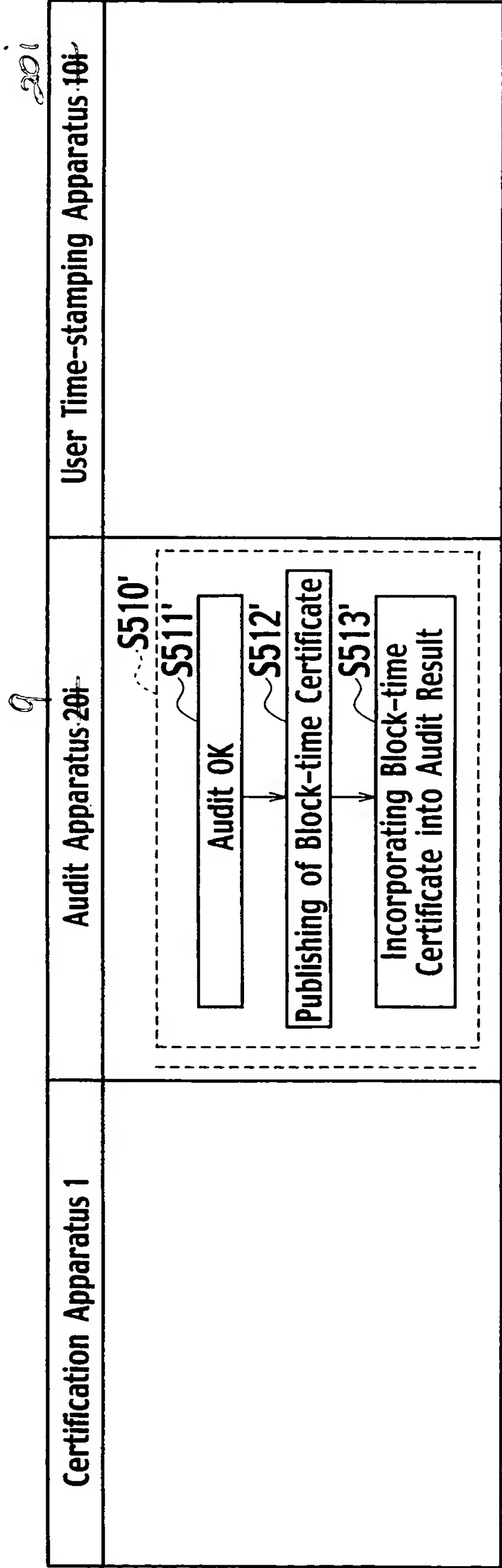


FIG. 27

(1) Loop 1: In a constructive method No. 3, the following processes are repeated until a regular time interval is completed.

(1.1) Setting a request on acceptance to x

(1.2) Increasing n by increment of 1

(1.3) Loop 2: Performing of the follow processes for j=0, ..., k

(1.3.1) $i \rightarrow ij$

(1.3.2) When $j = 0$, set $A[j] := x$.

(Set x to node(j, ij).)

(1.3.3) When $j > 0$, perform as follows.

• Set $x0 := A_{j-1}[\text{index}(\text{leftChild}(j, ij))]$

(Set x0 to an assigned value for left-child of node(j, i).)

• Set $x1 := A_{j-1}[\text{index}(\text{rightChild}(j, ij))]$

(Set x1 to an assigned value for right-child of node(j, i).)

• Calculate $x2 := h(x0 \parallel x1)$

• Set $A[j] := x2$

(Assign x2 to node(j, i).)

(1.3.4) Increasing ij by increment of 1

(1.3.5) Withdraw from loop 2 if i is an even number.

Completion of loop 2

Completion of loop 1

Processing Procedure 1

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FIG. 28

- (2) Performing of the following processes after withdrawing from loop 1 on reaching finish time.
- (2.1) Set $k := \text{ceiling}(\log_2(n))$.
 - (2.2) Calculate $\text{rtPath}(k, 0, n-1)$ and Set $((0, r(0), \dots, k, r(k)))$ to the calculation result.
 - (2.3) Loop 3: Performing of the follow processes for $j=0, \dots, k$
 - (2.3.1) $i \rightarrow i_j$
 - (2.3.2) Case of $j = 0$:
 - (2.3.2.1) When i is an odd number:
 - Produce a dummy $r := R(0, i)$
 - Set $A_j[i] := r$
 - (Assign r to $\text{node}(0, i)$.)
 - Set $b_j := \text{true}$.
 - Increase i_j by increment of 1.
 - (2.3.2.2) Case of $0 < j \leq k$:
 - (2.3.2.2.1) When $i = r(j)$:
 - 3 (when $\text{node}(j, i)$ is on $\text{rtPath}(k, 0, n-1)$):
 - (2.3.2.2.1.1) $x_0 := A_{j-1}[\text{index}(\text{leftChild}(j, i))]$
 - 3 (Set x_0 to an assigned value for left-child of $\text{node}(j, i)$.)
 - (2.3.2.2.1.2) $x_1 := A_{j-1}[\text{index}(\text{rightChild}(j, i))]$
 - 3 (Set x_1 to an assigned value for right-child of $\text{node}(j, i)$.)
 - (2.3.2.2.1.3) Calculate $x_2 := h(x_0 \parallel x_1)$
 - (2.3.2.2.1.4) Set $A_j[i] := x_2$
 - 3 (Assign x_2 to $\text{node}(j, i)$.)
 - (2.3.2.2.1.5) When i is an even number and $j < k$:
 - 3 Increase i by increment of 1.
 - Calculate $r := R(j, i)$ and Set $A_j[i] := r$
 - (Assign r to $\text{node}(j, i)$.)
 - Set $b_j := \text{true}$.
 - 3 • Set $i_j := i + 1$
 - (2.3.2.2.2) When $i = r(j) + 1$, an odd number and $j < k$:
 - Calculate $r := R(j, i)$ and Set $A_j[i] := r$
 - (Assign r to $\text{node}(j, i)$.)
 - Set $b_j := \text{true}$.
 - Increase i_j by increment of 1.
- Completion of loop 3

Processing Procedure 2

FIG. 40

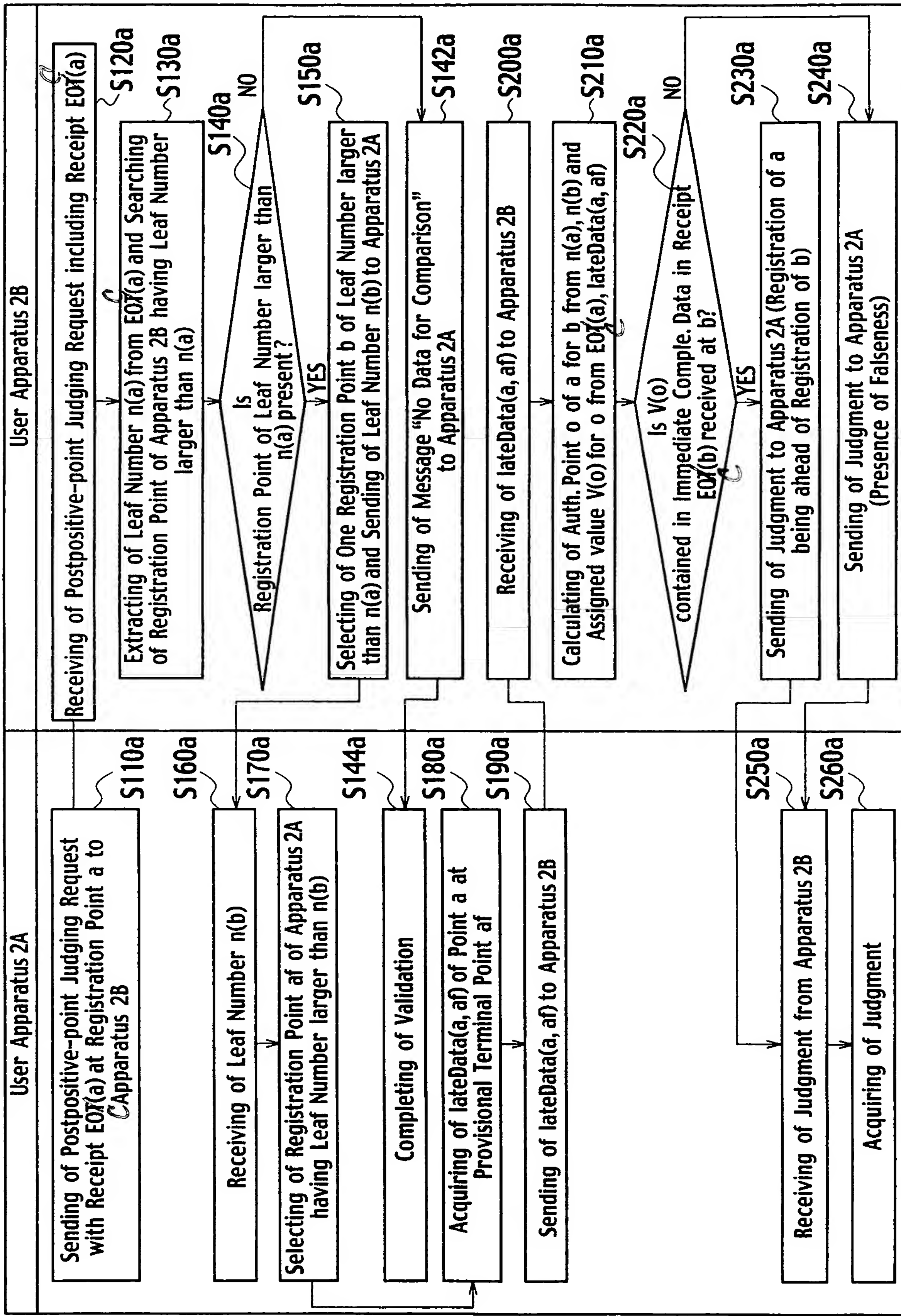
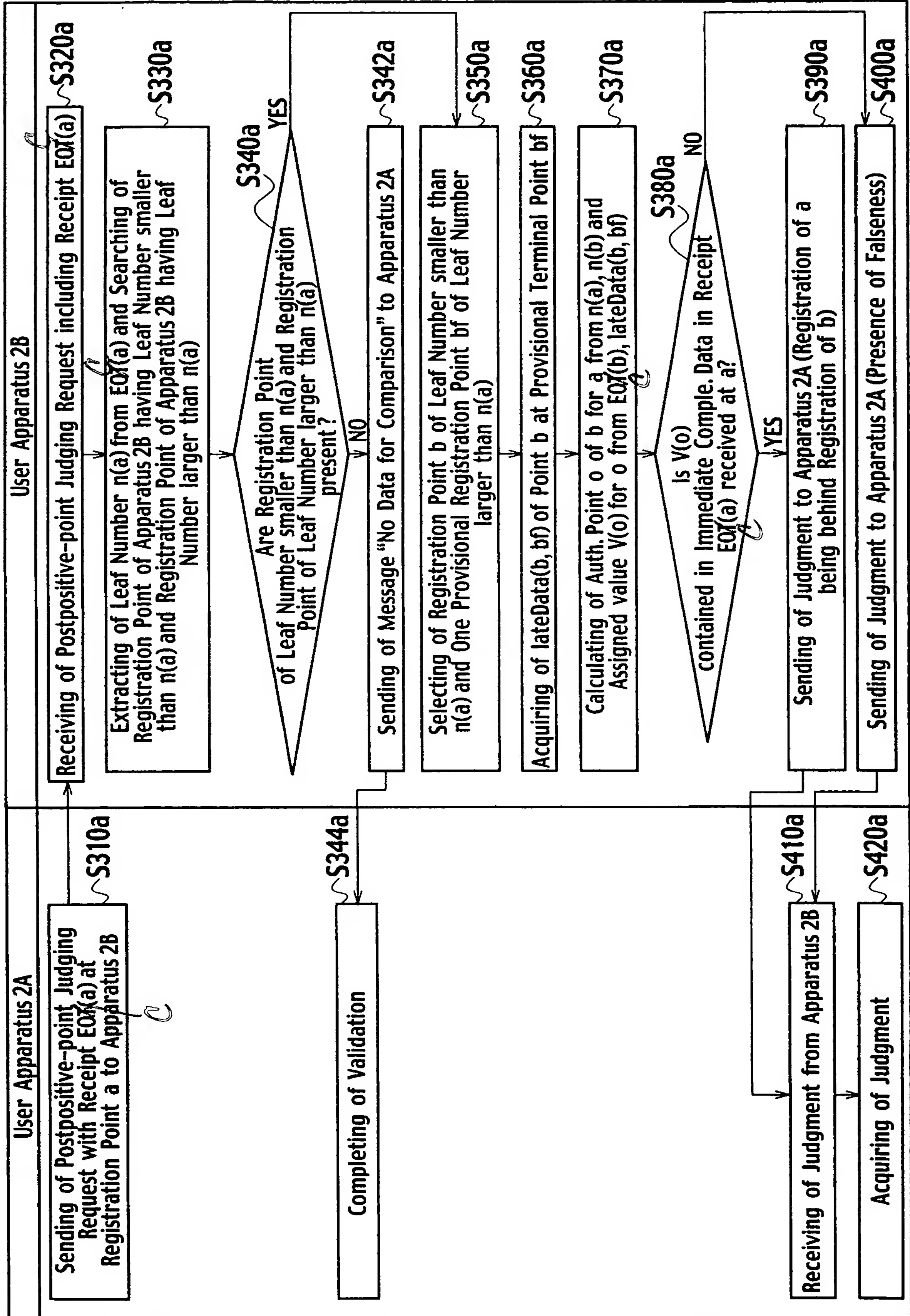
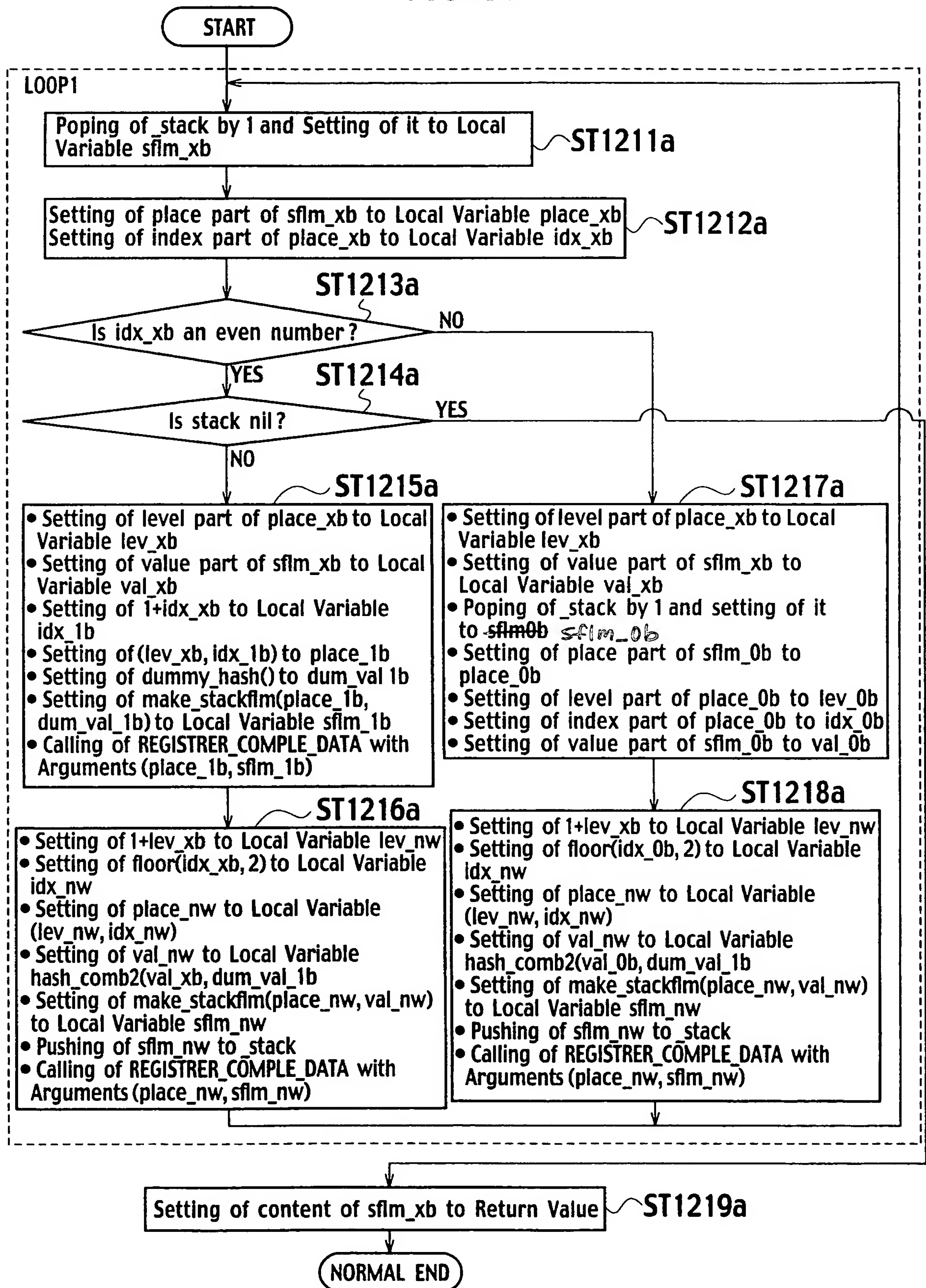


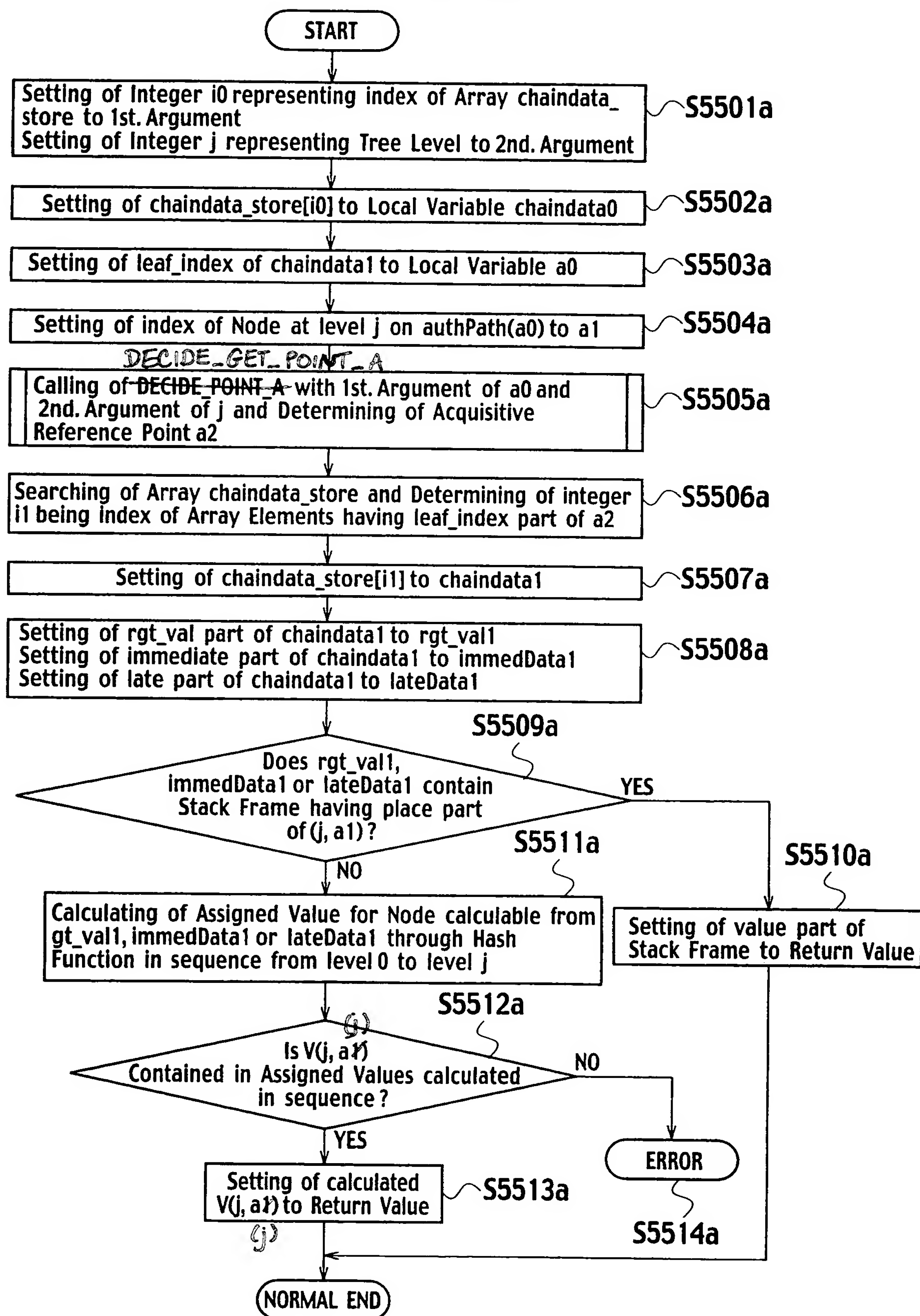
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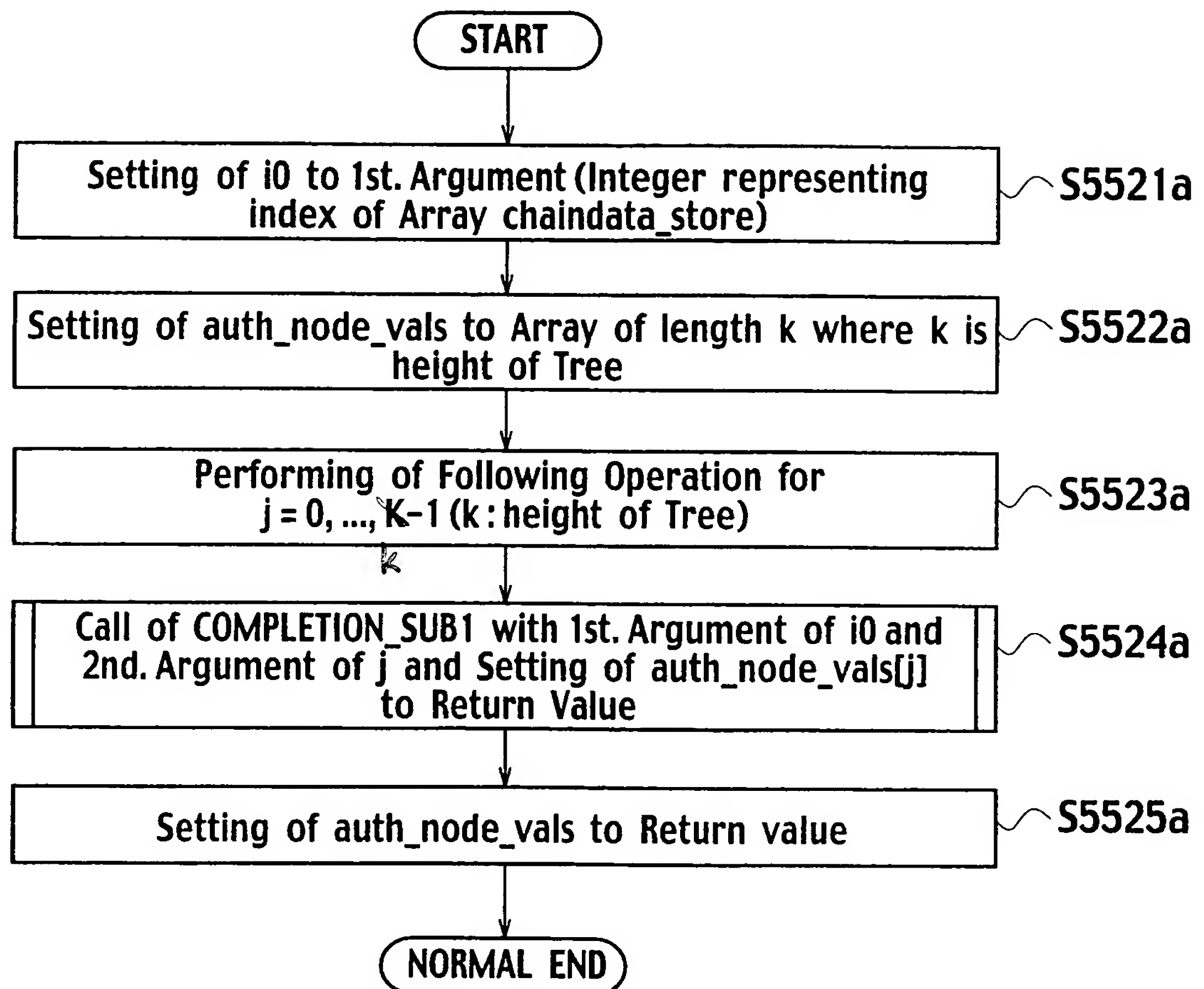


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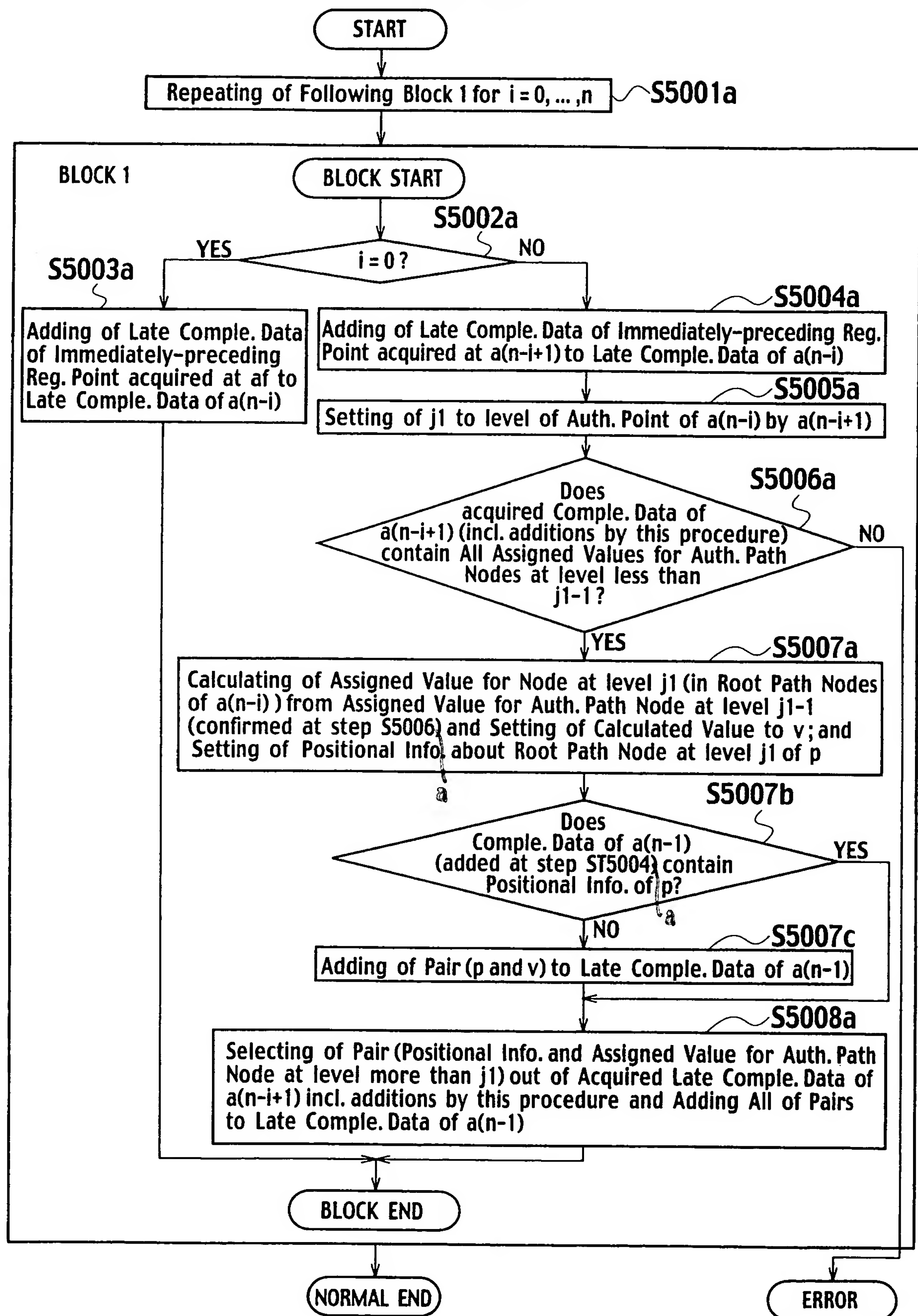


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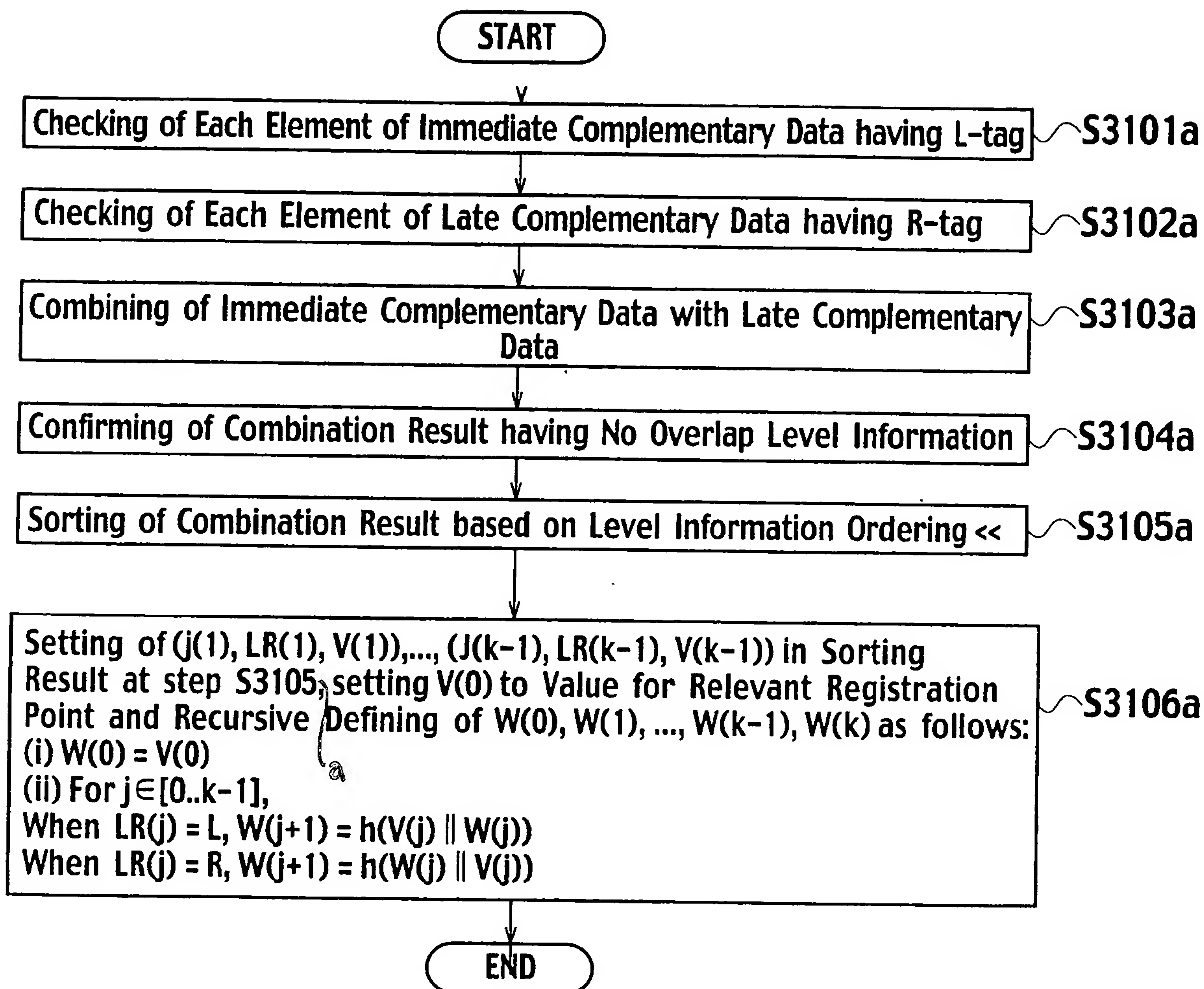


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